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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FEBRUARY 5, 1975:

QUOTE: Q. IS THE SECRETARY GOING TO GO TO BRUSSELS ANY-  
WAY (EVEN THOUGH THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER IS NOT GOING  
TO THE PROPOSED MEETING THERE ON CYPRUS)?

A. ON THE QUESTION OF -- WELL, LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY ON  
THE WHOLE TRIP, BECAUSE I HAD, VERY JUSTIFIABLY, A NUMBER  
OF QUESTIONS LAST NIGHT AND TODAY ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S  
TRIP. VARIOUS PEOPLE WANTED TO KNOW DETAILS ON THE MIDDLE  
EAST PART. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY  
WILL BE GOING TO EUROPE -- ET CETERA -- AND I WOULD LIKE  
TO ASK YOU TO BEAR WITH ME. I HOPE THAT TOMORROW I WILL  
BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THE WHOLE TRIP.  
WE'RE TRYING TO PUT VARIOUS PARTS OF THIS TRIP TOGETHER  
AND GIVE IT TO YOU IN A COHERENT MANNER -- AND ON BACK-  
GROUND TOMORROW, WHEN I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU ALL

THE DETAILS. OBVIOUSLY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU  
PRECISE TIMES EVEN THEN. AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE JUST DON'T  
ANNOUNCE, BECAUSE OF SECURITY REASONS, ALL THE EXACT  
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TIMES. BUT I HOPE TOMORROW TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU EVERY  
PLACE THE SECRETARY IS GOING TO BE GOING AND THE ORDER  
OF THE COUNTRIES THAT HE WILL BE VISITING. BUT I ASK  
YOU TO BEAR WITH ME UNTIL TOMORROW.

Q. THERE IS A REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SECRETARY IS  
TO MEET WITH MR. GROMYKO IN GENEVA -- OR POSSIBLY  
MEET WITH MR. GROMYKO IN GENEVA -- ON FEBRUARY 16TH TO

17TH. YOU JUST MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S TRAVELS, BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS SPECIFIC REPORT?

A. ON THAT, I CAN SAY TO YOU THAT THERE HAVE BEEN EX-CHANGES ON THIS SUBJECT BUT THAT I HAVE NOTHING TO ANNOUNCE AT THIS TIME TODAY.

ANOTHER THING (ON THE TRIP ITINERARY): LET ME SAY ON BACKGROUND, -- I BELIEVE I SAID IT THE OTHER DAY -- THAT WHEN YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED, WE TRY AND AGREE WITH THE COUNTRIES -- TAKE THEIR WISHES INTO CONSIDERATION ON WHEN TO TRY AND HAVE SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NOW I FULLY AGREE WITH ALL OF YOU THAT IN MANY CASES MAYBE SOME GIVEN GOVERNMENT DOESN'T ABIDE BY THE AGREED-UPON RELEASE TIME. BUT JUST BECAUSE A GIVEN GOVERNMENT DOESN'T DO IT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE AGREED-ON TIME. AND THIS IS WHY I ASK YOU TO PLEASE JUST BEAR WITH US.

Q. BOB, HAVE YOU EVER ANNOUNCED ON THE RECORD WHEN HE'S LEAVING WASHINGTON?

A. I WOULD BE GLAD TO DO IT ON A GUIDANCE BASIS. I DO NOT WANT TO GIVE OUT, UNTIL TOMORROW -- HOPEFULLY, TOMORROW -- THE BEGINNING OF HIS TRIP AND THE DETAILS OF HIS TRIP AND WHEN HE COMES BACK. BUT ON A GUIDANCE BASIS, WE'LL BE LEAVING THIS WEEKEND AND THE TIME IS PROBABLY ON SUNDAY -- SUNDAY MORNING. I DON'T EVEN KNOW THE TIME YET --

A. -- BUT I JUST DON'T WANT TO DO IT OFFICIALLY IN BITS.  
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END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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